mixture was further added with a solution of HOBt (7 mg) dissolved in methanol (5 ml). The reaction mixture was adjusted to pH 7.0, added with water-soluble carbodiimide (10 mg), and then the mixture was stirred for 14 hours. The reaction mixture was further added with water-soluble carbodiimide (10 mg), stirred for 2 hours, and then added with water-soluble carbodiimide (10 mg) and stirred for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with ultrapure water, and the low molecular weight substances were removed by using an ultrafiltration membrane (50K). The filtrate was lyophilized, and the resulting powder was dissolved in 3 M aqueous NaCl, and the solution was added dropwise to ethanol. The deposited solid was separated by centrifugation. After the supernatant was removed, the solid was dissolved in water again. The low molecular weight substances were removed with an ultrafiltration membrane (50K), and the filtrate was passed through a 0.22 μm filter, and lyophilized to obtain 280 mg of the target compound.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. This amendment is being made to correct a document citation. In particular, the number of the Japanese patent document, i.e., 8-144421, should have been indicated as an application number, but was erroneously indicated as a publication number, which is given a different number when published. The newly-cited document is the family member PCT claiming priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 8-144421. The Examiner is referred to the cover page of WO 97/46260 which is being submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement, filed on even date herewith.